

BAD CHECKS PASSED

Detectives Put on the Trail of "Gentleman Crook."

BUSINESS HOUSES SWINDLED

"Commander Knowlson" Obtains \$3,000 Worth of Bonds from Bank Firm and \$550 Diamond Ring from Avenue Jeweler—Maj. Sylvester Orders Police Net Spread.

Posing as an officer in the United States navy, a "gentleman crook" of aristocratic mien, debonaire manners and convincing speech, invaded the Capital Wednesday and passed worthless checks aggregating \$3,500 on two of Washington's oldest established business houses.

Detectives were put on his trail yesterday afternoon, twenty-four hours after he shook the dust of this city. The detectives admit the manipulator of bogus papers will lead them in a tiresome chase. The self-styled naval officer did not obtain cash for the checks and he will probably experience difficulty in negotiating \$2,000 worth of government bonds and also selling a diamond ring valued at \$550, which are in his possession. Descriptions of the bonds, the ring and the crook have been telegraphed to the police of all big cities.

Presents \$3,000 Check.
Crane, Parris & Co., bankers in the Wyatt building, Fourteenth and F streets northwest, suffered the greatest loss. When he presented a check for \$3,000 on the Powell Trust Company of Newport News, Va., he let it be known that he was "Henry Knowlson, lieutenant commander, U. S. N." His military bearing, faultless attire, and "service" vernacular bore out his statement.

"Commander Knowlson" wanted bonds. He contemplated traveling for several months and desired negotiable papers. He did not care to carry "too much" cash. He was given six \$500 United States 3 per cent coupon bonds, for which he gave in payment the check for \$3,000.

Buya Valuable Ring.
Later in the morning "Commander Knowlson" appeared at the store of Galt and Brother, jewelers, at 107 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. He wanted a ring, and got it. It was a masterpiece of the jeweler's craft. It was set with three diamonds, and the price was \$550. The gentleman of the service gave the check in exchange for the ring, and left the jeweler's highly satisfied with his purchase.

The banking firm and the jewelry company were informed yesterday morning that the checks were worthless, and then the police were notified. Inspector Boardman detailed Detectives Howlett and Haur to begin the investigation, and later the inquiry was hastened by the addition of several more men on the case. Maj. Sylvester ordered the police net spread to other cities.

WELLMAN STILL HOPEFUL

Believes Trip Across Ocean Can Be Made via Dirigible.

New York, Oct. 20.—"I've got just a glimpse of what I want," said Walter Wellman to-day, as he sat in his room at the Waldorf. He was talking about the chances of getting an equatorial balloon to what would be.

"The one most important thing that our voyage showed us was that an equatorial vessel was a ton and a half, as the America's did, will never work in as rough water as we encountered. Up to the Arctic on the two voyages that Mr. Vaniman and I took the sea was infinitely smoother. We had no idea that by increasing the bulk of this craft, which we still believe implicitly was indispensable for countering the changes in temperature and resultant expansion and compression of the envelope, we should so greatly embarrass the steering and propelling facilities of the ship. Perhaps, if we had had one, well, anything up to half the size the result would have been different."

That wavering serpent that fastened its tail beneath the surface of the sea was the chief reason that Mr. Wellman gave to callers to-day for the disappointing end of his trans-Atlantic venture.

To-night the whole crowd, including the families of the alms and some of their friends from the Trent, had a little celebration. They went to the Casino together. Until Saturday the Wellmans and the Vanimans are going to stay at the Waldorf.

That day they will go down to Atlantic City, where some of their friends have received permission to go ahead with some sort of a polifollion. Whether it is to be a dinner or a reception or a little talk from two or three of the overboard seamen, Mr. Wellman didn't know. The people of Atlantic City had been very cordial about asking them to come back and try from there again. They had made informal offers to build the fliers another motor balloon, said Mr. Wellman, and another hangar.

HOLD EUCHE PARTY.

Carroll Institute Awards Silver Prizes to Winners.
Carroll Institute Euchre Club held a silver euchre at the Carroll Institute Hall last night.

Forty tables were occupied by enthusiastic players, and thirty-four silver prizes were given to the winners. The club holds a euchre every two weeks, and the prizes are varied for the different occasions, and many of the prizes are valuable and make the winners a lasting memento of the occasions.

CONFER NEW RITUAL.

Modern Woodmen Institute Five Candidates in Full Form.
Columbia Camp, No. 1192, Modern Woodmen of America, conferred the new ritual in full form upon five candidates at their regular meeting, held at Pythian Temple, last night.

F. E. Reppert, chairman of the committee on increase in membership, made a favorable report of the work being accomplished.

J. P. MORGAN HAS LA GRIPPE.

Attack Slight and He Expects to Leave Cincinnati on Saturday.
Cincinnati, Oct. 20.—J. P. Morgan, who is a delegate to the Protestant Episcopal Church Convention in this city, is suffering from a slight attack of grippe. He is being treated by a physician, but it is said his condition is not serious. Mr. Morgan expects to leave for New York on Saturday.

Largest Morning Circulation.

TAKE Tuff's Pills
The first dose often astonishes the invalid, giving elasticity of mind, buoyancy of body, GOOD DIGESTION, regular bowels and solid flesh. Price, 25 cts.

TWICE DEFEATS THE CUBS.



ATHLETICS' LEADING TWIRLER.

PLAYS A STAR GAME.



EDDIE COLLINS.

BOMB PLOT FOILED.

Dynamite Found Near Home of Rich Oregonian.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 20.—Six sticks of dynamite wrapped in thirty feet of fuse were discovered last night at a short distance from the residence of Charles K. Henry, a Portland millionaire. He is building a \$100,000 home, and it is believed an attempt was made to destroy this property.

San Francisco, Oct. 20.—Gov. Gillett, at Sacramento, received a telegram from Secretary of State Knox that he had learned through the American Ambassador at the City of Mexico that three men, Hervey Knox, asked Gov. Gillett whether the men should be kept under surveillance or whether they should be arrested.

Gov. Gillett notified District Attorney Frederick J. Connelley, chief of police, of Los Angeles, who wired Gov. Gillett to request that the suspects be kept under surveillance.

HORACE WHITE INJURED.

Former Editor of the New York Post Hit by Taxicab.

New York, Oct. 20.—Horace White, at one time editor and president of the New York Evening Post, was struck by a taxicab on Columbus avenue to-night, and received a scalp wound and a possible fracture of the shoulder.

The machine, driven by Edward Hunt, of 135 West Sixty-third street, and at going south on Columbus avenue, and at Sixty-ninth street, Mr. White, who was going to his home, at 13 West Sixty-ninth street, got in front of it. Mr. White was thrown on his head and shoulder. Dr. Bennett, of the Flower Hospital, was summoned, and after attending the injured man took him to his home. The machine belongs to the West End Motor Company, of 246 West Sixty-ninth street.

Mr. White has had a long career in journalism, entering it in 1875, when he took a position on the staff of the Chicago Evening Journal. In 1881, he, together with Carl Shurz and Edwin Godkin, purchased the Post of which Mr. White was made president and editor. He retired in 1903.

CRUSADE AGAINST CIGARETTES.

Organization Starts with a Membership of Thirty-five.

The Anti-Cigarette League of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. was started as an organization in the department at the boys' building, with thirty-five boys last night.

L. Gordon Leach, associate director of the boys' department, had charge of the meeting.

The organization is national in scope, and is doing much to break up the habit of cigarette smoking among young boys, and the local organization will work for an increase in its membership.

MAKES CHANGE IN BY-LAWS.

Police-men's Association Elections Will Be Held in January.

The Police-men's Association of the District of Columbia, at a special meeting held at Pythian Temple last night, made a change in the by-laws of the organization.

The important change made was the time for election of officers, which was changed from July to January of each year. It was provided that the officers elected last July should hold office until January, 1911.

C. L. Dalrymple, acting president, presided at the meeting.

McKinlay Speaks at Salisbury.

Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 20.—Representative Duncan McKinlay, Republican, of California, made a campaign speech in Salisbury to-day in the interest of State politics in North Carolina. He was greeted by a crowd of mixed Democrats and Republicans, and his speech was in support of the present national administration.

BISHOPS TO CONVENE

Clergy Coming Here from All Parts of the World.

ASSIGNMENTS TO BE MADE

Besides Reports on Year's Work and Questions of Administrations, Divines Will Be Given New Territory—Meet in Foundry M. E. Church Next Wednesday.

Methodist bishops from all parts of the world will meet in Washington next Wednesday at Foundry M. E. Church for their semi-annual conference. It will be an executive meeting, lasting approximately a week.

Four committees, composed of the sixteen bishops, will handle the business of the conference. Besides reports on the year's work and questions of administration and law, the bishops will be assigned their several allotments of territory for the coming year, which are changed annually. For instance, Bishop Earl Cranston, of Washington, spent last year in Europe, and might possibly have charge of the Philadelphia conference next year.

During the last year Bishops Cyrus D. Frost, of Philadelphia; Daniel A. Goodsell, of New York, and Henry Spellmeyer, of St. Louis, have died. It is impossible to fill these vacancies until the 1912 general conference, when new bishops will be chosen where death or illness has made it necessary.

Retired Owing to Age.
Nearly all the bishops of the Methodist Church will be present at the conference next week, except Bishops J. M. Walden, of Cincinnati; W. F. Malandine, of Auburn, Mass.; J. H. Vincent, of Chicago, and Thomas Bowman, of East Orange, N. J., the latter ninety-three years old. They have retired on account of age.

In contrast to the conference held in Chicago last May, when the attendance was small, nearly the full number of bishops will gather here for the coming conference. Among those present will be Bishops H. W. Warren, Denver; Earl Cranston, Washington; David H. Moore, Cincinnati; J. W. Hamilton, Boston; J. P. Berry, Buffalo; W. F. McDonald, Chicago; J. W. Washford, Pekin; William Burt, Zurich, Switzerland; L. B. Wilson, Philadelphia; T. B. Neely, New Orleans; W. F. Anderson, Chattanooga, Tenn.; N. M. Quayle, Oklahoma City; C. W. Smith, Portland, Me.; E. H. Hughes, San Francisco; Robert McIntyre, St. Paul; F. M. Bristol, Buenos Ayres, and missionary bishops, J. C. Hartzell, Africa; W. F. Oldham, Singapore; J. E. Robinson, Bombay, and M. C. Harris, Korea. Bishop W. S. Lewis and Missionary Bishop J. M. Thoburn, retired, will be unable to attend.

GEORGE K. FINCKEL DYING.

Aged Clerk of War Department Stricken at Desk.

Stricken with apoplexy at his office yesterday afternoon, George K. Finckel, for many years connected with the War Department and formerly chief clerk of the Quartermaster General's office, is lying at the point of death at his home, 1319 S street northwest.

Mr. Finckel, who has resided in Washington for fifty-four years, is a native of Maryland. He has been connected with the War Department in various capacities continuously since the civil war. He is a member of the old Georgetown Orchestra. Hand has been identified with several other musical organizations.

STRENGTH OF THE CHURCHES.

Catholics Lead All the Rest with Over 12,000,000.

The following table gives the total number of communicants or members as reported by the denominations, or Protestant bodies:

Adventists	67,735
Baptists	5,692,234
Episcopalians	1,015,117
Christian Scientists	85,717
Congregationalists	706,489
Disciples	1,142,388
Dunkards	97,144
Evangelical bodies	174,789
Friends	113,772
German Evangelists	28,717
Independents	73,623
Lutherans	2,112,494
Mennonites	34,798
Methodists	12,648,733
Presbyterians	1,879,835
Protestant Episcopal	88,542
Reformed	40,510
Unitarians	79,542
United Brethren	286,019
Universalists	64,159
Other Protestant bodies	238,703
Total	25,357,716

The non-Protestant bodies are numbered thus:

Roman Catholics	12,679,142
Jewish congregations	101,425
Later-day Saints	26,445
Eastern orthodox churches	129,665
All other bodies	8,561
Total	12,845,738

This makes the grand total, all denominations, Protestant and non-Protestant, of 38,203,454 in the United States.

Dutch Back Missionaries.

Korea, China, and Japan are not the only countries in the far East where Christianity is on the increase. Many years the Dutch government favored the spread of Islam among the Malays of the Dutch East Indies, but at last it recognized its mistake, and now it favors the work of the Christian missionaries everywhere, and Christianity is spreading among the heathen inhabitants of the Dutch East Indies and also among the Mohammedan Malays. The number of native Christians upon Sumatra alone is said to be 30,000, and of these several thousand are converts from Mohammedanism, while it is estimated that in the whole Dutch East Indies 25,000 Malays were converted from Islam during this generation.

Our Minister's Wife.

1. Don't criticize her.
2. Don't grumble if she visits two or three families in the congregation more than others. She has as much right to special friends as you have.

3. Don't expect her to do her share of work and yours too.
4. Don't expect her to do things you are too shy or too nervous to do yourself.

Marrying a minister does not endow her with special gifts of speech and freedom from nervousness, though it does bring special opportunities.

5. Remember that her duties to her husband, her children, and her home are just as important as yours.

6. Remember to speak kindly of her to others.

7. Remember to pay her short, cheery visits and take her a bunch of your choicest flowers.

8. Remember to pray for her.
"If every woman in our church was just like me, what sort of a church would our church be?"

Preparing to Look His Best.

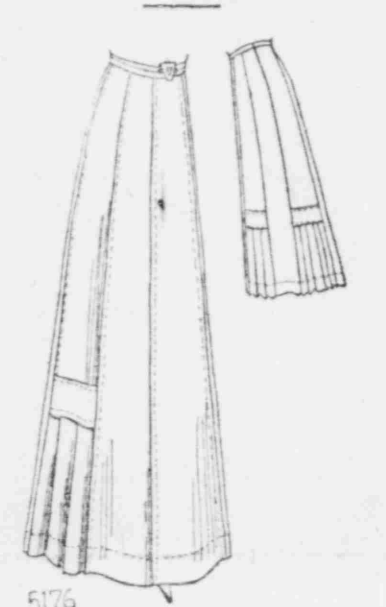
From Success Magazine.
Rastus—For the love of heben, Sambo, what for you got you 'alls pants torn wrong side before-mos?"

Sambo—Sh! Don't talk so loud. You see, I's invited to a swell reception to-night, and I's getting de bulge out'n de knees.



The makers of the "Presto" Overcoats, for which we are agents, are making a demonstration in our Seventh Street window of the practicability of this convertible Overcoat.

LATEST FASHION.



LADIES' EIGHT-GORED SKIRT.

All Seams Allowed.

Some of us can hardly bring ourselves to wearing the "banded-in" skirt, so the model illustrated will be appreciated by many. This skirt has eight gores, and at the lower edge of the side and back gores a plaited section is added, with a band at the top. The front is in a panel effect, and the side gores that run the full length help to break the "banded-in" effect. The width at the lower edge is 34 yards—plenty of room in which to walk gracefully. Velvetene will look especially handsome in this model, and broadcloth, serge or cheviot would be used for ordinary wear. The pattern (5776) is cut in sizes 22 to 32 inches, waist measure. To make the garment in the medium size will require 5 yards of material 27 inches wide, 4 1/2 yards 36 inches wide, 3 1/2 yards 44 inches wide or 2 1/2 yards 50 inches wide.

The above pattern can be obtained by sending 10 cents to the office of this paper.

Washington Herald Pattern Coupon.

Name

Address

Size desired

Fill out the numbered coupon and cut out pattern, and inclose with 10 cents in stamps or coin, addressed to Pattern Department, The Washington Herald, Washington, D. C.

MARVIN HUGHITT RETIRES.

Head of Northwestern for Twenty-four Years Resigns Position.

Chicago, Oct. 20.—Marvin Hughitt, who has been president of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company for nearly twenty-four years, has retired from that position to accept the chairmanship of the board of directors. To-day at its annual meeting the board elected William A. Gardner, formerly vice president in charge of the operation of the road, to succeed him and Richard Ashton, formerly general manager, to be vice president in charge of operation to succeed Mr. Gardner.

FIRE IN OIL SHEDS.

Half Million Loss in River Front Blaze at East St. Louis.

East St. Louis, Ill., Oct. 20.—A fire, which started in the Chicago and Alton freight houses on the river front, spread rapidly and caused a loss of more than \$500,000 early this morning.

The blaze was of no significance when discovered, but soon spread to ten tank cars of oil which exploded hurling the blazing fluid in all directions. The oil set fire to the Baltimore and Ohio freight warehouses. A score of oil tanks in this building exploded with a roar that was heard for miles.

A hotel and a row of boarding-houses close by were also destroyed.

Considerable variety is shown in the new suit coats. The shorter length is receiving the greater attention, but it is likely that the coats of half and of three-quarter lengths will reappear later on.

Saks & Company

Pennsylvania Avenue and Seventh Street.

This Is the Limit of Special Selling Men's Suits, Actually Made to Sell at \$25 to \$35, for \$19.75

In all our experience we have never before been in a position to make an announcement like this at the outstart of the season. Furthermore, it's the first time on record that this particular maker has ever been known to cut his prices—barring the annual clean-up at the end of the season. Ordinarily, he doesn't have to seek business—the merit of his clothing brings him all the orders his capacity can produce. But the summer-like weather this fall has been unusual—creating unprecedented conditions. Each one of these 800 Suits is a high-class Suit—the woollens in it—and the model and make of it are high-class—many of them are silk-lined.

We haven't divided them up—because as we buy we sell always—and so the entire lot goes

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SHIP RUNS AGROUND

OFF FLORIDA COAST

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since last Saturday. It is said that Flagler's Seagoing Railway from Miami to Knights Key, was considerably damaged by the tremendous seas.

TEN MEMBERS OF CREW

OF SPANISH BARK PERISH

New Orleans, Oct. 20.—The British steamer *Civilian* arrived here to-day battered by the storm, having on board six surviving members of the crew of the Spanish bark *Hugo*, en route from Central America to Spain. The rest of the crew, ten in number, were lost. A wireless from the steamer *Monroe*, from New York, due here to-day, announced that she was twenty-four hours late on account of the storm, but that all aboard were well and no harm done. The French steamer *Guidon*, from Havre to New Orleans, is reported ashore on the Florida coast, but all the passengers have been taken off.

Steamer Brazos Overdue.

New York, Oct. 20.—The steamship *Brazos*, crack of the Mallory fleet, which usually makes this port from Galveston in six days, has done the trick in five, is now nine days out from Galveston. She has not been heard from since 7 o'clock on the night of October 14 when she was reported to be in the Straits of Florida.

It may be that her wireless equipment has been put out of commission by the West Indian cyclone that hit the west end of Cuba and the Florida keys the next day. She also would have been in a position to be affected by the secondary cyclone that was even more vicious than the original.

Pick Up Crew of Schooner.

Mobile, Ala., Oct. 20.—With the shipwrecked crew of the fishing schooner *Minnie* W. on board the Norwegian steamship *Belize* docked here to-night after an eventful voyage from Belize, British Honduras. After weathering a fierce storm off the coast of Yucatan last Saturday, the *Belize* changed her course for Mobile. Early Sunday morning they encountered the wrecked schooner *Minnie* W., which had been almost torn to pieces by the hurricane. Capt. Silve and a crew of eight clinging to the wreckage.

Central Cuba Escapes.

James L. Rodgers, American consul general at Havana, advised the State Department yesterday that Central Cuba was not greatly damaged by the recent hurricane. The damage in the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio was extensive, the cane crop being severely injured and the tobacco plantations badly damaged. The province of Pinar del Rio suffered most, but it is probable that the mortality is not large.

Related Steamer Arrives.

The Ward Line steamship *Vigilancia* arrived at Tampico, Mexico, safely on October 18, after having passed for sixty hours through the recent West Indian hurricane. Clarence A. Miller, American consul there, reported her arrival to the State Department. She was sixty hours overdue.

Two Men Killed in Wreck.

New York, Oct. 20.—The first accident on the new electric line of the Pennsylvania, between Harrison, N. J., and the Thirty-fourth street station, New York, occurred at 6:30 o'clock to-night when a work engine ran into a hand car and killed two electrical workers. Three other men on the car were thrown into a swamp and nearly drowned. The two men killed were Frank E. Kelley and L. Woodrich, both living in New York.

Potash Controversy Reopened.

Berlin, Oct. 20.—The special negotiations for a settlement of the potash controversy between the American and German governments have broken down and the matter will now return to the ordinary diplomatic channels. The failure complicates the situation, as the Americans relied on the success of M. H. Davis, commercial adviser to the American State Department, which was frustrated by the German authorities.

Boy Was Posted.

From the Boston Courier.
Teacher—What kind of bird did Noah send out of the ark?
Small Boy—A dove.
Teacher—I'm surprised to find that the smallest boy in the class is the only one to know.
Big Boy—Please, teacher, his father keeps a bird store.

Largest Morning Circulation.

TWO WOMEN DIE IN WRECK.

Train, Which Was in Accident September 12, Again in Ditch.

Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Oct. 20.—Two women were killed and a score of passengers were injured when a Hocking Valley passenger train was ditched a half mile south of Harpeter, Ohio, early this morning. Engine and baggage cars held to the rails, but day coaches and a parlor car rolled into the ditch. Spreading rails are blamed. The dead are: Mrs. Martha Cook, eighty-one years old, of Bluffton, Ohio, and an unidentified woman, believed to be a nurse whose home is in Toledo, Ohio.

Among the injured are Thomas P. Kearns, head of the State workshop inspection bureau; Lester Reading, Dayton, an inspector under Mr. Kearns; Mrs. H. L. Kirkpatrick, McDonald, Pa.; Conductor James Wilshire, J. T. Wiseman, Columbus; Charles Smallwood, Baltimore, Md.; M. H. Brooks, Cleveland; Brake-man Kramer, Columbus; C. M. Brown, Groveport, Ohio; D. O. Gumm, Columbus; A. T. Mack, Chicago; Elmore Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, Leroy, Kans.; A. J. Latchum, Columbus; D. W. McCray, Coopersville, Ohio; Mrs. George C. Edwards, Columbus; Mrs. O. C. Stone, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mrs. Ann Sanger, Columbus; Express Messenger Charles Rotterdam, Columbus.

Of these Mr. and Mrs. Thompson may die.

The train is the same which was wrecked September 12 at Lemoine, Ohio, with fatal results to three passengers.

HARMONY LODGE ENTERTAINS.

Grand Master at Arms Guest at Their Regular Meeting.

Harmony Lodge, No. 21, Knights of Pythias, entertained the grand master at arms, George Haley, at their regular meeting, held at Pythian Temple, last night.

Mr. Haley made an address on the coming celebration of the forty-seventh anniversary of the order, to be held in February.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the annual visitation of the grand chancellor and the Grand Lodge officers on November 3. The committee is composed of Will Thompson, Edward Thomas, J. K. Davis, E. Lodge Hill, and J. K. Prescott.

WHAT WOULD SOLOMON DO?

He Would Be Puzzled if He Had to Solve This Problem.

According to the British Medical Journal, a public vaccinator has been confronted with a curious problem. The father of a child who had attained the age of four months, and whose name appeared on the public vaccinator's list, wrote to that official a letter, in which he explained that he was not, unlike many Englishmen, a conscientious objector to vaccination. But his wife, who he explained, was an Italian, and desired to bring up the child in the manner followed in her native country, where the child would be vaccinated at the school age and not in early infancy.

"My wife wished me to say to you," concluded the communication, "that the child is half Italian, and if the English government enforces vaccination, it must undertake to confine the effects of vaccination to the English portion of the infant. She claims the protection of the Italian consul for the Italian half of the boy."

The question, which is actually pending, has brought no definite suggestions from the vaccinators, and it is held that compared to the problem presented Solomon had a comparatively easy task when he handed down his historic decision.

Paintings and Snugglers.

From Everybody's Magazine.
Huge profits are made out of the ignorance of inspectors regarding paintings. Bogus Corots, for instance, were sent over by a dealer just to have them passed and assessed as genuine. Customs went merely by the signature "Corot"—which helped the dealer far beyond the duty levied. Reversing the process—give a good work an unknown signature—and the dealer will still win.